



## Construction Update

# Highway 101 Gap Closure Project

January, 2009

**THE HIGHWAY 101 GAP CLOSURE PROJECT** will close the gap in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane system in Marin County. When the project is complete, there will be a continuous HOV lane from Mill Valley to Route 37 in Novato.

### Project Features Include:

- Northbound and southbound HOV lanes
- New 101/580 connector – 1 lane opened to traffic in May 2008. 2<sup>nd</sup> lane opened to traffic in January, 2009 (complete)
- Relocating Francisco Boulevard West (complete)
- New Andersen Drive on and off ramps (complete)
- A 1.2 mile multi-use path between Los Ranchitos and Mission Avenue
- Sound Absorbing Soundwalls



*New 101 SB to 580 EB Connector*

### SCHEDULE FOR HOV LANE OPENING

#### Southbound HOV

A portion of the Southbound HOV lane opened on November 13, 2008 between the Mission Street off-ramp and Cal Park Hill. The remaining portion of the Southbound HOV lane will open late February/early March, 2009.

#### Northbound HOV

The Northbound HOV lane will open four to six weeks after the opening of the Southbound HOV, in April, 2009.

### UPCOMING TRAFFIC SHIFTS

Southbound traffic between N. San Pedro Road and the Mission Street off-ramp will be shifted west in late February/early March 2009 to accommodate work in the median needed to complete the northbound HOV lane.



*Southbound 101 Widening North of Mission Avenue*



Marin's Transportation Sales Tax



*New Sound Absorbing Soundwalls*



*Foundation for Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over Linden Lane*



*Linden Lane*



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## ON-GOING WORK

### Central San Rafael

#### New Southbound 101 to Eastbound 580 Connector

- The connector is complete. The two lane connector and the Bellam Avenue off-ramp fully opened to traffic on January 14, 2009.

### Puerto Suello Hill

#### Highway 101 Widening

- Continue building retaining walls and soundwalls on west side of Highway 101 between Mission Avenue and Lincoln Avenue
- Pave southbound widening from Mission Avenue to North San Pedro Road.
- Install 2500 feet of new drainage, grade and pave in median and construct a new concrete barrier for new northbound HOV lane from Mission Avenue to North San Pedro Road..
- Complete Linden Lane roadway improvements – Linden Lane will be closed until spring 2009.
- Complete new railroad and bike/pedestrian bridge over Linden Lane – Linden Lane will be closed until spring 2009.
- Pave new bike/pedestrian path from Los Ranchitos Road to Mission Avenue.
- Relocate SMART railroad tracks

### Project Schedule

The project is scheduled to be complete summer, 2009.

### How You Can Help

Help reduce congestion during construction –

- Walk, bike or carpool
- Join a van pool
- Try transit
- Sign up for FasTrak to avoid toll lines
- Alter your work hours or telecommute

Go to [511.org](http://511.org) for travel options including how to plan your commute.

